

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and/or listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. to 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) A method for maintaining or prolonging the appearance of a floral or foliage display which comprises the steps of:

~~applying to surfaces of plants of said display a composition comprising a polymer latex, a nutrient/protectant component, a coating adjuvant component and the balance water~~

preparing an aqueous coating composition for the plants, wherein the coating composition comprises a latex polymer, a surfactant or wetting agent, and a nutrient/protectant, wherein the nutrient/protectant is selected from the group consisting of an antimicrobial agent, an antifungal agent, a sugar, a germicide, an ethylene inhibitor, an anti-oxidant and a plant oil;

preparing the floral or foliage display of cut plants by cutting plants; and

applying the aqueous coating composition to the entire surface of the cut plants in liquid or aerosol form.

31. to 37. (Canceled)